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TAGS: OGEN, IN, UR, US, UK
SUBJ: SOVIET DEFECTOR ENTERS EMBASSY BY MISTAKE

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1. ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER MALE CALLED ON DCM THIS MORNING TO BRIEF HIM ON THE STATUS OF THE PAKHOMOV CASE. MALE SAID THE BRITISH HAD RETAINED PAKHOMOV IN THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION WHILE SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT HIM ASYLUM. MALE'S RECOMMENDATION HAD BEEN THAT HE NOT BE ACCORDED THIS STATUS. MALE CHECKED THE OFFICES OF THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION AT ABOUT 11 P.M. ON OCTOBER 10 AND DISCOVERED THAT PAKHOMOV HAD JUMPED FROM A FOURTH STORY WINDOW AND LANDED ON A SECOND STORY BALCONY WHERE HE WAS SHOUTING AND GESTICULATING WITH A STICK. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION SUMMONED THE POLICE WHO TOOK CUSTODY OF PAKHOMOV.

2. MALE THEN CALLED UPON FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE BRITISH HAD RETAINED CUSTODY OF PAKHOMOV WHILE SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT TO GRANT HIM ASYLUM. THOSE INSTRUCTIONS HAD ARRIVED LATE IN THE EVENING AND HAD AGREED WITH MALE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT PAKHOMOV NOT BE GIVEN ASYLUM. MALE TOLD KEWAL SINGH THAT PAKHOMOV HAD CREATED A DISTURBANCE AT THE HIGH COMMISSION AND HAD BEEN HANDED OVER TO TPO INDIAN POLICE. MALE MADE IT CLEAR THAT PAKHOMOV HAD COME TO THE BRITISH HIGH COM-

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MISSION ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 9.

3. KEWAL SINGH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MALE'S CON-
VEYING THIS INFORMATION TO HIM AND MADE NO OTHER SUB-
STANTIVE COMMENT.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH IN
REGARD TO BOTH OUR STATEMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND TO THE PRESS. THE STATEMENT WHICH THE EMBASSY IS
ISSUING TO THE PRESS THIS MORNING IS BEING TRANSMITTED IN A
SEPARATE MESSAGE. MOYNIHAN

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